

REMARKS

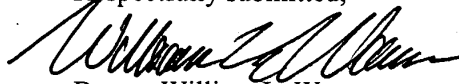
The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-29 and provide these remarks responsive to the Office Action dated September 3, 2003. Applicants submit the present amendment and remarks, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the remaining claims. Claims 30 and 31 stand amended, claims 32 and 33 were added, and no new matter is contained in those amendments.

A. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶ 2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c)

The Examiner rejected claims 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶ 2, for improper dependent claiming. Old claims 30 and 31 were multiple dependent claims which referenced other multiple dependent claims. Applicants have amended those claims to cover the same subject matter while relieving the Examiner's objections to the claims based on their written description defects. Applicants now feel that all claims stand ready for allowance.

The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at 404-853-8081 if doing so will facilitate prosecution of the application. The additional fees of \$72.00 are included and are thought sufficient for this matter, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 19-5029.

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